

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A release hook for selectively releasing a load supported on the hook, the hook including a pad-eye for connecting the hook to a crane and an ejector lever for releasing the load from the hook upon actuation of the ejector lever characterised in that actuation of the ejector level is provided by a motor and gearing means located adjacent the ejector lever which move the ejector lever upwards towards the pad-eye to eject the load.
2. (Original) A release hook as claimed in claim 1 wherein the motor is remotely operated.
3. (Currently Amended) A release hook as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the motor is an electric motor driven from a battery located in the hook.
4. (Currently Amended) A release hook as claimed in ~~any preceding Claim 1,~~ wherein the hook comprises a housing having two interconnected generally 'C' shaped sections with the ejector lever being located at a base of the 'C' between the sections.

5. (Original) A release hook as claimed in claim 4 wherein the sections are bolted together.

6. (Currently Amended) A release hook as claimed in claim ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the hook includes a catch.

7. (Original) A release hook as claimed in claim 6 wherein the catch comprises an elongate member attached to the ejector lever.

8. (Original) A release hook as claimed in claim 7 wherein the elongate member and ejector lever are oppositely opposed on a pivot.

9. (Currently Amended) A release hook as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the gearing means comprises a rack and pinion.

10. (Original) A release hook as claimed in claim 9 wherein the pinion is operable via the motor and the rack is located on the ejector lever.

11. (Currently Amended) A release hook as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the gearing means comprises a worn gear.

12. (Original) A release hook as claimed in claim 11 wherein the motor turns the worm whose screw thread is located against matching notches on a edge of the ejector lever.

13. (Original) A release hook as claimed in claim 8 wherein the gearing means comprises a drive sprocket, driven by the motor to rotate the ejector lever.

14. (Original) A release hook as claimed in claim 13 wherein the gearing means rotates the catch with the ejector lever.

15. (Currently Amended) A release hook as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the pad-eye includes an eye-let aperture such that a link may be made between the pad-eye and crane block of a crane.

16. (Currently Amended) A release hook as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the pad-eye comprises a shaft including connection means to a crane block.

17. (Original) A release hook as claimed in claim 16 wherein the connection means is a screw thread on the shaft to match a threaded recess in the crane block.

18. (Currently Amended) A release hook as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the pad-eye is swivel mounted on a top of the hook.

19. (Currently Amended) A release hook a claimed in ~~any one of claims 16 to 18~~ claim 16, wherein the pad-eye includes a base of greater diameter than the shaft, such that the base is retained between the two sections of the housing while remaining rotatable with respect to the housing.